



Michigan Association of School Boards

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Dear Mr. Beasley:

The Michigan Association of School Boards is very pleased and excited about being a part of the Tobacco-Free Michigan Action Coalition. "Action" is the key and a coalition of this nature can surely generate and implement a plan that will reduce tobacco usage in Michigan.

The Michigan Association of School Boards is committed to eliminating tobacco usage in schools through its resolution adopted in 1985 and revised in 1988 which reads:

"The Michigan Association of School Boards urges school boards to adopt policies prohibiting the use of tobacco in school facilities in order to contribute to the health and well-being of all students, employees, and other persons using school facilities."

As has been proven over and over, a coalition is a very effective way of accomplishing a major challenge. Many hands make the task easier. It will take a major coalition to provide the pressure some organizations will have to experience before they will become more globally concerned. MASB is willing to commit time and energy to making this coalition effective.

Because it is also known that monetary resources play a major role in accomplishing a plan of action, MASB is very supportive of the Michigan Department of Public Health receiving the ASSIST grant from the National Cancer Institute to ensure that the activities of the Tobacco-Free Michigan Action Coalition do result in "action."

Again, you have MASB's commitment to the Tobacco-Free Michigan Action Coalition. We will do whatever we can to ensure the success of this coalition.

Sincerely,

Justin King
Executive Director

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